

**CHIEF JUDGE CHRISTINE WILLIAMS**

Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians  
Northern California Intertribal Court System  
El Dorado County, California

Hon. Christine Williams is a member of the Yurok Tribe, certified in Indian Law, and has spent her legal career focusing on representing tribes on a broad spectrum of tribal legal matters, primarily Indian child welfare, tribal court development and cultural resource protection. She currently serves as the Chief Judge for the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians in El Dorado County and the Northern California Intertribal Court System. Judge Williams was instrumental in helping to secure a competitive technical assistance grant (Project TEAM) to establish a joint-jurisdictional court initiative with the Eldorado County Superior Court. This grant will focus on cases involving tribal youth and families. The grant, awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, was only awarded to one jurisdiction nationwide. The joint-jurisdictional court, once established, will enable judges from both jurisdictions to work in concert to hear cases in one courtroom. This model is one of only two tribal court/state court joint-jurisdictional efforts across the country. Judge Williams has a long history of providing training and education on various areas of Indian law and history, and was recently recognized as one among nine notable women lawyers “who rule” by Indian Country Today. [Lee, *9 Notable Women Lawyers Who Rule* (October 23, 2013) <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/10/23/9-notable-women-who-rule-american-indian-law-151872>]